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Dear Parents,

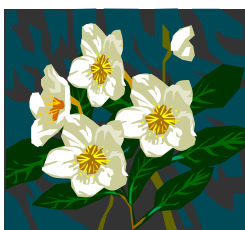


Endangered and Extinct

The children in Grade 2 are currently beginning their research projects relating to endangered and extinct animals, and are using both the internet and library resources to assist them. This unit of study involves the children working both individually and in groups to write their own project about an endangered animal. The groups will then complete a slideshow on their particular animal. The Grade 2 children will have the opportunity to share their slideshows with the children in another class, developing their presentation skills.

Plants

After the Carnival break will begin a Unit of Learning about Plants and this will continue until the end of April. If you have any items or books that you think would be useful to this unit please send them to school with your child.



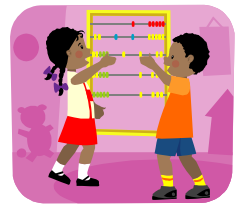
New Homework Scheme

We are pleased with the success of the new homework scheme and would like to thank all parents for your support in this. We sincerely hope that homework is a stress free time to practise essential skills (reading, spelling, maths facts) and to explore our Unit of Learning in a creative and stimulating way. We would be pleased to receive any feedback you may have on the homework by way of notes in the homework books or by e-mail.



Addition and Subtraction Facts

ISL has adopted a list of *Essential Number Skills* which each child should know by the end of their academic year. One of the skills which is expected for Grade 2 children is the ability to have quick mental recall of addition and subtraction number facts to 20. While some of this practice will be completed in the school day, further support at home will be beneficial for your child. Computer games like *Fact Dash* and *Math Magician* can be fun ways to improve speed, along with the fact cards which the children have brought home to use for practice.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

On Friday 11th March we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at the Parent-Teacher Conferences. You will receive information about making appointment times from the Lower School Office.

Carnival Holiday

The children will have a holiday break starting Friday 18th February at 3:15pm and they will return to school on Monday 28th February at 8:25am. We hope you all have a restful break and enjoy the last of the winter holidays.



Reminder of our pathfinder:

Just one more reminder that our pathfinder can be found at:
<http://pathfindersisl.wikispaces.com/Grade+2>

There are lots of resources for the children to use and from now on you will be able to read our newsletters there as well; there is a link near the bottom of the page.



Best wishes

Grade Two Teachers